

Financial Aid & The CVC Exchange

Cross-enroll in online courses at other California community colleges — and keep your Pell Grant, Cal Grant and SSCG aid working for you.

KEY TERMS TO KNOW

Home College

Your primary institution — where you're pursuing your degree or certificate, where your financial aid file lives, and where your aid is disbursed.

Teaching College

The California community college offering the online course section you take through the CVC Exchange.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMBINE UNITS

- ✓ **Active financial aid file** — a processed FAFSA or CADAA on file at your Home College, with all verification complete.
- ✓ **6-unit minimum** at your Home College for the primary term.
- ✓ **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)** — good standing, or on an approved aid appeal.
- ✓ **Course applicability** — the Teaching College course must fulfill an active requirement on your Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP).
- ✓ **Census deadlines** — all classes at both colleges finalized before your Home College's financial aid freeze/census date.

STEP-BY-STEP WORKFLOW

- 1 Search and register**
Find your course at cvc.edu, confirm with an academic counselor that it articulates to your Home College degree, then register with your Home College credentials.
- 2 Request financial aid at checkout**
Select "I intend to use Financial Aid" during payment/registration.

This flags your registration so your Home College Financial Aid Office is automatically notified through the CVC Exchange portal to review your eligibility.
- 2 Handle tuition & fees — watch the deadlines**
Your Home College CCPG waiver does not carry over. Submit a separate CCPG application for the Teaching College via the link in your CVC confirmation email. Teaching colleges also enforce their own drop-for-nonpayment deadlines — if your waiver or aid review is still pending, you may need to pay upfront with a card to hold your seat; eligible fees are reimbursed once aid processes.
- 4 Aid calculation & disbursement**
Your Home College reviews your combined Home + Teaching enrollment. Disbursement comes exclusively from your Home College, on its standard calendar — the Teaching College never pays aid directly to you.
- 3 End-of-term transcripts & SAP**
Your Teaching College grade transmits automatically to your Home College via eTranscript California, and rolls into your cumulative SAP evaluation for the next term.

IMPORTANT WARNINGS

Scenario	What happens
Dropping a Teaching class	Recalculates your combined enrollment level and Pell/state grant eligibility — may create an overpayment balance you have to repay.
Course not on your Ed Plan	If it doesn't count toward your Home College major/GE requirements, those units cannot count toward federal aid eligibility.
Non-tuition fees	CCPG waives the enrollment fee (\$46/unit) but not campus-specific fees — health, student center, or lab fees — charged by the Teaching College.